SOMETHING
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Silent Meetings.

CConcerning Silent Meetings, *the intent of all Speaking is to bring into the Life, and to walk in, and to poſſeſs the ſame, and to live and enjoy it, and to feel* God's *preſence, and that is in the Silence, not in the wandring whirling tempeſt part of Man or Woman; for there is the flock lying down at Noon-day, and feeding of the Bread of Life, and drinking at the Springs of Life when they do not ſpeak words; for words declaring is to bring people to it, and confeſsing* God's *goodneſs and love, as they are moved by the Eternal* God *and his Spirit, and ſo all the ravenous ſpirits that are from the witneſs of God in themſelves, cannot be ſtill, cannot be ſilent, it is a burthen to them; ſo cannot keep at home in their own Houſes, but are the Hunters before the Lord like* Nimrod *the firſt builder of* Babel; *for* God *confounded them, for they went out of the ſtillneſs and quietneſs, and like unto the* Jews *that went from the Law of God, then they gadded abroad, and changed their wayes, and ſo did not ſee their ſalvation; then were they like unto the* Apoſtate *Chriſtians, who inwardly ravened from the Spirit, of* God; *ſo is gone from the ſilence, and ſtilneſs, and from waiting upon* God *to have their ſtrength renewed, and ſo are dropt into Sects, and heaps among one another; and ſo has the words of Chriſt and the Apoſtles, but inwardly ravened from the ſtill life, in which is the fellowſhip atteined to in the ſtill life, in the Spirit of God, in the Power of* God *which is the Goſpel, in which is the fellowſhip when there is no words ſpoken.*

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